



<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/684,383
	<i>Filing Date</i>	10 October 2000
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	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1646
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	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2923-120
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> MP121, A GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- $\beta$ FAMILY (as amended)		

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4/3/03**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 21 October 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the title as shown on the following pages.

Please amend the specification as shown on the following pages.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 24-26 as shown on the following pages.

Please add new claims 29-34 as shown on the following pages.

Marked-up copies showing the amendments to the specification and claims are attached. Material inserted is indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted is indicated by strikeout (~~strikeout~~).